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COMOR-M-12

COMMITTEE ON OVERHEAD RECONNAISSANCE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Room 214
Administration Building, Central Intelligence Agency
at 2:30 p.m., 6 February 1961

PRESIDING

James Q. Reber
Chairman

MEMBERS PRESENT

Col. L. E. May, USAF

Deputy Chairman

Lt. Col. W. C. Herrington, JCS

Col. J. W. Boucher, OACSI

Cdr. H. D. Myles, ONI

Lt. Col. W. L. Hall, AFCIN

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CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Maj. J. D. Bowlby, OACSI

Maj. G. S. Chapman, AFCIN

Maj. S. J. Moran, AFCIN

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Mr. F. A. Voigt, CIA

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Mr. A. C. Lundahl, CIA

Approval of Minutes

1. The approval of the minutes (M-11) was postponed.

DOD Briefing of Approved Theater Commands on T-KH

2. Colonel Herrington, JCS, reported that in pursuance of the billet approvals for the theater commands, briefing teams ten days ago had gone to the field for indoctrination and briefing. Commands briefed included EUROM, USAREUR, CINCNELM, CINCPAC, CINCPACFLT, SHAPE, COMSIXTHFLT, FICEUR, USAFE, CINCPAC, CINCPACFLT, COMSEVENTHFLT, COMNAVFORJAP, FICPAC and USARPAC.

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3. As a matter of information it was agreed that the Chairman would issue a list of names of those thus briefed and include CIA personnel

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so that the participating agencies could have some idea of what officers in these commands were privy to T-KH information. 50X1

Unidentified but Suspicious-Looking Installation in Cuba (Reference COMOR-M-11, paragraph 3)

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4. As a result of further study of the existing photography on the unidentified but highly suspicious-looking installation in Cuba discussed at the previous meeting, the following conclusions were reached:

a. There can be no improvement in our capability to see into the shadows until photography can be obtained with a higher sun angle, at least six to eight weeks hence.

b. USAF/AFIC has concluded that they do not expect rapid changes in the construction of the installation and, therefore, see no immediate urgency for photographic recoverage, particularly since the sun angle is not suitable at this time.

c. This question will be returned to the agenda when the circumstances warrant consideration.

Proposal for an "OXY" type report on ZEBUB Materials

5. The Air Force representative proposed that in the future if there are any new ZEBUB materials, an "OXY" type report be disseminated in order to permit more ready access for TAC and other units which are urgently in need of the information for planning purposes. The Navy representative strongly supported this view.

6. Discussion of this proposal revealed that under the existing sanitization procedures already provided for the release of ZEBUB material on a SECRET basis, critical materials from earlier ZEBUB missions had been properly distributed to those who needed them. The purpose, therefore, was to provide for future dissemination on a more timely basis.

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7. The Chairman stated that he would discuss the matter with the Air Force and CIA/PIC to see whether some satisfactory formula could be devised which might be approved at higher levels.

T-KH Requirements:

8. The COMOR agreed with the area requirements as set forth in the oral report by [] for his working group and as amended by [] Intelligence Officer, DPD. In essence it is proposed that:

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a. The camera be turned on prior to entry of the USSR in the North, and turned off after exit from the USSR on all daylight passes on all four days extending from the Eastern European Satellites (10°E longitude) to approximately the Ural Mountain Range (70°E longitude);

b. The camera be turned on and off so as to cover the area from 75°E longitude to 140°E longitude and between 60° N and 50°N latitude; and in addition

c. The camera should be on over Dickson 80°E and Tiksi 129°E latitude.

It was further understood that in the event a decision was made at the end of the second day to bring the satellite down after the third day, the excess film (resulting from this foreshortening of the program) would be utilized over far eastern Russia.

Requirements for Indochina:

9. It was the view of the COMOR that there did not exist justification at this time for recoverage of Indochina.

10. In connection with this discussion, Colonel Boucher, Army, expressed concern that he was in need of graphic materials from Missions 3023, 3025, and 3026. The Chairman stated that he would look into the matter and subsequently report to Colonel Boucher and arrange to obtain the desired materials promptly.

Sanitization of SAMs from T-KH for []

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11. In view of questions raised regarding the number of SAM sites which had appeared in []

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[redacted] (which information originated from T-KH materials), the Chairman indicated that he wished to review developments under the approved procedure and to ascertain whether any amendments are required. He requested the Air Force, which serves as executive agent for the DOD in regard to [redacted] to provide a list of the SAM sites released and the dates of the release of such information.

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JAMES Q. REBER
Chairman
Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

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